

Millbrook High School PTSA Meeting – April 20, 2009

Attendance: Janet Feist, Nina Honeycutt, Christina Hunt, Penny Cobb, Lois Knauff, Jody Gross, Dana King, Stacey Odum, Amanda Stroup, Claire Campbell, Melissa Reilly, Kelly Aman, Tara Drouhard, Lynne Greene, Dianne Reass, Tammy Vinsel, Katie Kingsbery, Denise Kirkland, Cecil Coates

Denise Kirkland called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded everyone to sign in. She then recognized the student guest speaker, Christina Hunt. Christina is president of the Junior Class Council and spoke of the upcoming Junior/Senior Prom. Since much of the prom is a surprise, she could only share her excitement for the upcoming event. The prom is on Friday, May 15 and will be held at Sister's Garden from 9pm until midnight. Christina asked if the PTSA would be willing to pay for the cake as had been done last year and if the PTSA would consider establishing this as a tradition and agreeing to pay for it each year. A motion was made and passed to purchase the cake for this year's prom. A second motion was made and passed to increase the Senior Event line item in the budget enough to cover the cost of the cake for that year.

Principal's report:

Dana King began her report by sharing that at last year's prom the King and Queen cut the cake thereby establishing a nice tradition. Ms. King thanked the PTSA for hosting and providing food for the District 3 Adv. Council meeting. Next year, MHS will have a new bell schedule to accommodate the 10 extra minutes per day that are being added. The start time will be that same but the school day will end at 2:28 p.m. Every school will early dismiss every Wednesday for staff/professional development. Notes and agenda from these meeting may be put on the website to keep parents informed about what is going on at these meeting. There will be six early release days (not to be confused with early dismissal) next year. MHS has typically had only 4 but there is an effort to be consistent throughout the whole county. Ms. King reported that the state is taking back money due to budget cuts. There is concern about the impact and what this may mean – canceling field trips and supplies. These are unusual times. The school had two tornado drills last week – the first one did not go very well so it was repeated (with success) after revising the plan. Interim report card will go home with students this week. There are three “think tank” like pre IB meetings planned. This first meeting will deal with the differences between the traditional 9th and 10th grades and those grades within the IB program: the second meeting will host a representative from Broughton to talk about the IB class “Theory of Knowledge”; and the third topic for the May 21st meeting has not been chosen. There is an open invitation to these meetings.

Tara Drouhard – Asst. Principal: Tara Drouhard announced that course selections are over. Changes to students' selections can still be made through their span account. Students will bring home their selections in May. On Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 pm there will be an AP Orientation Meeting for parents. This is the second time such a meeting has been offered. Ms. Drouhard reported that MHS is working on a succession plan for

its AP classes so that additional teachers can attend training classes over the summer in order to teach AP classes. May 25th begins Senior Week. On May 27, a school wide assembly will be held. Senior attendance will be taken in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd block that day. Senior exams begin on May 28 (1st and 2nd block) and seniors are dismissed that day at 11:30 am. 3rd and 4th block exams will be held on May 29th, with the 11:30 dismissal for seniors. Seniors need to check their fine and fee balance because if they owe any money, they will not receive graduation tickets. Sophomore English classes partnered with the University of Michigan by participating in a survey on “Monitoring the Future”. A brochure is attached. Calendar forms for next year’s calendar are due to Kim Accord by May 4.

Kelly Aman – Asst. Principal: Saturday School (preparation classes for EOC exams) has 140 students participating. There are three dates left. The program was expanded this year to include all courses with an EOC exam. The Wildcat Open House will be May 21. Postcard invitations will be sent to all rising 9th grade families in the MHS district. CATS Camp will be August 5th and 6th. There has been a high level of interest in MHS. Ms. Aman has conducted 38 interviews.

Cecil Coates – Dean of Students: AP testing begins on May 4th. There is a 30% increase in the number of students taking the tests this year. The test site is at the Church of the Apostles at 333 St Albans Avenue. An AP Test Schedule and Information Sheet is attached. Registration for Summer School begins May 1. Students have two options. They can attend Nova Net classes for credit recovery only or NCVPS which is virtual school and includes honor classes which have been added for this summer. Students wishing to take other classes elsewhere may do so with approval from Student Services ahead of time.

Katie Kingsbery – Secretary: Minutes from the March 9th meeting were approved.

Penny Cobb – Treasurer: Treasurer’s Report was approved. Penny asked anyone reimbursable expenses to go ahead and submit them.

Janet Feist and Melissa Reilly – Fundraising: Janet reported MHS PTSA received \$250 from Andy’s for the Spirit Night event that was held there. Andy’s will be happy to do this again next year. Target sent \$1400 and there will be a Spirit Night on May 14 at the Chick-fil-A at Falls Village.

Announcements:

- MHS has received two awards from the NC PTA – the Score More award for the highest percentage increase in membership growth in District 3 and the Bronze Acorn for overall increased membership and active involvement in the mission and values of the PTA.
- Volunteers are needed to set up for the Character Ed Breakfast. Please come if you can at 1:30 pm on April 22 to the cafeteria.

- Lawrence Yu, the Youth Minister at North Raleigh United Methodist Church, will speak at the Honor Roll Breakfasts.
- The General PTSA Meeting will be held on May 19 prior to the Choral Concert. The slate of officers for next year will be voted on at that meeting.
- The slate of officers for the MHS PTSA 2009-2010 is:
 President –Elect – Lisa Pendergrass
 VP Scholarship – Leslie Kosceilniak
 VP Fundraising – Janet Feist and Melissa Reilly
 Treasurer – Penny Cobb
 Secretary – Melinda Cook
- Volunteers are needed to decorate for the Staff Social on May 18th. Please come at 1:30 pm.

Committee Reports:

Reflections: Amanda has handed out the awards . She hopes for better participation next year. Art Teachers complained about the amount of paperwork required to enter.

Senior Reception: Stacey reported that planning for the receptions is proceeding well. They are finalizing the menu, getting volunteers lined up, and getting the Junior Marshalls. Fund raising is behind compared to last year but hopefully donations will continue to come in.

Wildcat Walkway: All brick orders have been placed for this spring but you can still place an order for a brick that can be put in later.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Kingsbery, Secretary